

MILES VS. ALGER.

It is Believed That the Issue is Going to Be Fought to a Stand-Still.

A COURT-MARTIAL, MAY BE ORDERED.

Miles Will Be Asked to Tell Whether He Made the Statements Accredited to Him.

It is the Opinion That Miles is Determined to Make an Issue of the Conduct of the War and to Fix His Own Status in the Matter.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The opinion is becoming general that a court-martial will be ordered by the president for Gen. Miles, provided the latter fails to make a full statement of the statements credited to him in a recent interview published in the Kansas City Star. The matter has simply been aggravated by the additional dispatch sent to his paper by the same correspondent Monday night. It is certain that Gen. Miles will be asked to tell the war department whether or not he authorized the statements credited to him.

It is inevitable that a court-martial or a court of inquiry should follow immediately the possible admission of Gen. Miles that he gave the interview as it was published.

Gen. Corbin and Secretary Alger, against whom the charges are made, should ask for an investigation, the result would be an order of inquiry to determine the truth of the Miles' statements. If they should not do this, a court-martial would be ordered to try Gen. Miles on the charge of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. There is a feeling in and about the war department that Gen. Corbin can not afford to challenge the statements and to have been made by Gen. Miles, and it is just as certain that he will not allow them to remain unanswered, and still serve his good standing as an officer.

The charge was almost openly made Tuesday by one officer in the war department that an order of the assistant secretary of war was recently suppressed by the adjutant general's office.

On the following day, according to this authority, an order was dictated by the adjutant general directly opposite in meaning to that of the order sent to the assistant secretary for promulgation.

When Gen. Corbin was called to account in the matter he declared that he had not seen the assistant secretary's order.

No one is interested in concluding that the interview attributed to Gen. Miles and the publication Tuesday morning of various orders to substantiate the statements made in the alleged interview foreshadow an open controversy between the general commanding the army on one hand and the secretary of war and Gen. Corbin on the other. The prevailing opinion is that Miles will come to a deliberate determination to make an issue of the conduct of the war, to fix his own status and to locate the responsibility for bad management and blunders which may have occurred, involving unnecessary suffering and loss of life.

Ensign Powellton Marries an Ohio Girl.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 31.—Ensign Powellton, who figured so prominently when the court of inquiry was investigating the conduct of the leadership in Maine, will take a girl Wednesday. The wedding was to have been in the fall, but an accident hastened it. The young lady is Miss Margaret Olivia Millar, of Wyoming, O., a suburb of Cincinnati, and a sister of Lieut. Edward Millar, U. S. A., who is on Gen. Williston's staff.

Ordered Home.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Orders have been sent by the war department to Manila directing that Gen. Greene, United States volunteers, be sent to San Francisco to be mustered out, that Gen. Steele return to San Francisco for duty as adjutant general of the department of California, and that Maj. Simpson report at Washington to fill the adjutant general's office.

Commodore Philip's New Command.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—An order was issued by the navy department Tuesday directing Commodore J. W. Philip from command of the battleship Texas, at New York, and placing him in command of the second squadron of the North Atlantic fleet, with the cruiser New York as his flagship.

Gen. Lawton's Health Bulletin.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The following officers have been ordered to accompany Gen. Wade, president of the Cuban military commission, to Havana: Maj. W. E. Almy, Capt. J. R. Foraker, Maj. C. J. Allison, Capt. L. C. Griscom, Capt. Jay Cooke, Capt. Juan S. Hart.

Secretary to the Cuban Commission.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Ernest Tocca, who has been connected with the Havana consulate for six years, and who was Gen. Wade's secretary for three years, has been designated to go

Havana with the Cuban military commission as one of its secretaries.

SIGNAL SERVICE.

The Only Branch of the Army That Has Not Been Numerically Reduced.

VERY FEW OF THE MEN CAN BE SPARED.

All Camps in the United States Must Be Equipped With Telegraphic and Telephone Facilities.

In Cuba and Porto Rico Telegraph Lines Are Under Control of the Government and Bad Condition—Signal Corps at Work in Manila.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The signal corps is the only branch of the army that has not been numerically reduced. The suspension of activities of Gen. W. W. Greely, chief signal officer, is now canvassing the situation with a view to ascertain what organizations in his corps can best be mustered out of the service. He is confronted by a difficult problem. He said Tuesday night that he scarcely could spare any of his men, although many of them are anxious now that the war is over to leave the service. In this country, Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines the services of the signal corps are needed now as seriously as they were during actual hostilities. In the United States all of the camps have to be equipped with telegraphic and telephone facilities and the changes that are made constantly in the location of the signal corps add to the work of the signal corps both in Cuba and Porto Rico. The telegraph lines are under government control. They are owned outright by the government, and, of course, have to be maintained and operated by the government. Only one telegraph line in Cuba is owned by a corporation. That is about fifty miles in length running from Havana to Battambang on the south coast of the island where it connects with the lines of the Indies Submarine Telegraph Co., an English corporation whose lines are subsidized by the Spanish government. In the province of Santiago the telegraph lines are now under control of the United States.

As they were found to be in bad condition it became necessary in order to maintain them that they be operated by the special board and several officers were sent to Santiago for this purpose. In Porto Rico there are about five hundred miles of telegraph lines all owned and operated by the Spanish government. In order to protect them they will now have to be maintained and operated by the Spanish government. The officers and men of the signal corps are at work at Manila. This was evidenced by a telegram received Tuesday night by Gen. Greely from one of his officers in the Philippines informing him that telegraphic communication had been opened between Manila and Visayas.

BASEBALL.

Who Wins in Tuesday's Games Were as Follows: Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago and Louisville.

Innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—H. E. Cincinnati..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—L. H. E. Louisville..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—L. H. E. Batteries—Dwyer, Pitts and Wood; Orth and Murphy. Umpires—Gather and Brown.

Pittsburgh..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—L. H. E. Batteries—Lynch and Andrews; Kline and Bergin. Umpires—Lynch and Andrews.

Innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—H. E. Louisville..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—L. H. E. Batteries—Dowling and Kitteridge; Moul and Robison. Umpires—Swartzwood and Vandeveer.

Innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—H. E. Chicago..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—L. H. E. Louisville..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—L. H. E. Batteries—Guthrie and Donatone; McWhirter and Grady. Umpires—McDonald and Day.

How They Stand.

Clubs Won. Lost. P. C. Boston..... 71 40 640 Baltimore..... 62 47 520 Cleveland..... 65 46 585 Pittsburgh..... 56 50 495 Brooklyn..... 49 51 554 Louisville..... 48 49 404 New York..... 42 55 303 St. Louis..... 32 81 289

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NAVAL CHANGES.

Board Appointed to Consider Cases of Officers Deserving of Reward.

TO MEET AT THE NAVY DEPARTMENT.

The Board Will Consist of Lt. Adams, Montgomery Seward, Elw. O. Matthews and Chas. S. Norton.

Considerable Unfavorable Comment in Regard to Promotions in the Naval Service Already Made—Schley's Flagship Arrives at Ponce.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The acting secretary of the navy has appointed a board composed of officers of the highest rank to meet at the navy department to consider and report upon all cases of officers deserving of reward for specially meritorious services during the war with Spain other than those whose services have been already recognized by promotion. The board is composed of Lt. Adams, Montgomery Seward, formerly president of the naval review board, Lt. Edward O. Matthews, president of the examining and retiring boards, and Lt. Charles S. Norton, commanding at the Washington navy yard. Lt. Norton is on the retired list, and Lt. Adams and Matthews will be retired within a few months. Ensign Harry E. Smith has been assigned to the board as a member of the board. Col. Charles Higway, commanding of the marine corps, will sit as a member of the board when the cases of officers of the marine corps are under consideration.

There has been considerable unfavorable comment in regard to promotions already made on the ground that they have not been acted as meritorious degradation in the grade of several officers who have been actually reduced in their grade through the advancement of others. It is hoped that the work of the special board just appointed will do away with all cause of complaint in the case of the officers yet to be advanced in grade or otherwise rewarded for their war services.

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MISS WINNIE DAVIS, Daughter of Jefferson Davis, now convalescing from a severe case of illness.

Holland's New Sovereign.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 31.—The queen of Holland, in a proclamation just issued, upon the occasion of the end of her regency, her daughter, the Princess Wilhelmina, will be sovereign Wednesday, expresses warm pleasure at seeing the whole nation "rang joyously around the throne of the young queen," thanks God that her dearest wish has been heard, and, after thanking the people for their loving and faithful support of herself, invokes God's blessing upon the youthful sovereign.

Big preparations have been made to receive the President and Mrs. McKinley there by their own representatives and the people of Canton in general. It was the intention to make the occasion a civic jubilee. All this however, will now be reduced in a measure from the fact that the president and party will only be in Canton two or three hours and then will take a train for New York. Undoubtedly the president will be given a royal welcome during his short stop over in Canton.

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Gen. Lawton's Health Bulletin.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Gen. Lawton's bulletin of the health conditions of the American forces in Santiago is as follows: Total sick, 881; total fever, 818; total new cases of fever, 7; returned to duty, 1. Dr. Dennis Bethel, William, a private, B. 6th infantry, typhoid fever; Berry, Joseph, private, Co. L, 83d Michigan, typhoid fever.

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COOKS AND HOMESICKNESS.

That, in the Opinion of Maj. Webb C. Hayes, son of the late President Hayes, who is said to be the only volunteer officer that served in both the Cuban and Porto Rican campaigns, and who is accompanying President McKinley on his present trip, has proposed a plan to the chief executive looking toward the reorganization of the national guard under military law.

This plan provides that the president shall appoint an adjutant general for each state; that as many bodies of militia shall be raised in each state as circumstances require, and that all officers of such militia shall be nominated by the governors of the various states.

They would then be under the direct control of the national government, and much of the difficulty experienced when the guard was called into service for the Spanish war would be obviated. Maj. Hayes said he disliked to discuss the subject now, for the plan was still in an embryonic state, and he did not like to go on record until some of the details are worked out.

Major Hayes, who asked what he thought of the charges of starvation from the regiments at the front said: "Look at me. Do I look starved? I lived on the same rations as the soldiers and have grown fleshy on that fare."

"I may be wrong, but in my opinion the greatest cause for complaint is caused up in 'cooks and homesickness.' The cooks and the cooks bemoan wantonly of all needed supplies. That there was some mismanagement it is impossible to deny. But official investigation will show it was a case of 'cooks and homesickness' that crippled the army and packed the hospitals."

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PRESIDENT MCKINLEY.

He Will Spend a Couple of Days in Camp Montauk Point and Camp Wilcox the Latter Part of This Week.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 31.—While President McKinley has many desired to pay more than a brief visit to his son in Canton, he finds that the duties of his office are such that he will be obliged to cut his visit there to a mere call.

The president will spend a couple of days in camp at Montauk Point and Camp Wilcox, so as to correctly inform himself as to the condition of affairs and the truth of the reports that have been made concerning the health and welfare and contact with the men. The presidential party will be at Col. Myron T. Herrick's residence, "The Overlook," on Euclid Heights, in this city, until Thursday morning, when they will leave for Canton.

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Yellow Fever Situation Encouraging.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Dr. Wyman, surgeon general of the Maine hospital service, has received encouraging yellow fever news from both Key West and Galveston. At the former place the number of cases has been reduced to 100, and the last three or four days, and he is of the opinion that no new cases exist there. There are no new cases reported at Galveston, and the quarantine established against the Cuban and Cuban-Porto Rican ports has been relaxed. Altogether the situation is very satisfactory.

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It is almost certain that from 100,000 to 120,000 soldiers who have been called into service to meet the emergencies of the war with Spain will soon be mustered out.

In this connection Adjutant General Corbin made recently the following announcement:

Before any troops are mustered out the department will issue an order which is being made ready, and which will be of the utmost importance to both the soldiers and the Government. It has been generally noticed that the examinations to which the men were subjected prior to acceptance were quite severe. Some of the states complained of them being too severe. At all events, through these severe examinations, we got a high class of men physically. Now before they are mustered out they are to go through just such another examination. Having the record of their examinations on their acceptance the medical officers will know whether or not they are sound when they are mustered out. The latter examination will reveal whether they were wounded, sprained, impaired, hearing or injured in sight, and if they have suffered any disability that they know of that the physician can find. This is to be put down in black and white, and the soldier is to be informed of it before he goes to the front.

This is an eminent practical suggestion and a perfectly proper one. It such a plan had been adopted when the Federal forces were mustered out at the close of the Civil War many a pension fraud would have been prevented and the Treasury would have been saved many millions of dollars which have gone to undeserving pensioners.

The people of this country, South as well as North, are in favor of liberal pensions to soldiers who suffered or were incapacitated by military service, but they are tired of paying pensions to men who have no claim upon the Government.

Our experience with the pension list for the Civil War is sufficient to teach a valuable lesson. If the plan arranged by Adjutant General Corbin is carried out the cost of the pension will be effectively closed.

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